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Romak and 'radicals' should give up fighting E.D.S. deep well

Romulus City Councilwoman Debra Romak's call for civil disobedience is not only shocking but a total embarrassment to the city of Romulus.

Ms. Romak took an oath of office to uphold our laws and defend our way of government. That is, even if she doesn't agree with decisions.

Since the city of Romulus has now wasted over \$1.5 million in legal fees fighting the E.D.S. project, and lost in every court decision, even up to the Michigan Supreme Court, Ms. Romak and her fellow radicals should let these decisions rest.

If you do not want to obey your oath of office, you should resign immediately. Or the citizens of Romulus should immediately circulate petitions to remove you.

Correction: Wayne-Westland parents teach primary colors

I was disappointed that [Wayne-Westland] Superintendent Greg Baracy would say that more students are entering kindergarten not knowing their primary colors and that you would print that without verification.

Except for the colorblind ones, every child knows his primary colors. Before taking the superintendent's word for it, go to a candy or ice cream store and try to find a toddler who won't stop asking for blue candy or red ice cream.

As for the inability of the schools to teach kids to read well, Superintendent Greg Baracy will never solve that problem by blaming parents.

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Refinancing saves nearly \$4 million

The Romulus Board of Education recently approved the refinancing of \$23.45 million of the district's \$34 million from the 1999 bond issue.

"Interest rates have gone from the original 5.65% to the current level of 5.05%," explained Superintendent Joel Carr. "Even though the original bonds were only a little more than a year old, we felt that the tax savings of \$3.85 million made this an outstanding opportunity for our community at this time."

Projects of the 1999 bond issue include the completed athletic

complex at the Romulus Middle School, football stadium, track, softball, baseball fields, football practice fields and the new Romulus Elementary School which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2001, and is located next to the Gateway Golf Club.

Additionally bond funding will provide for a new swimming pool at the high school, scheduled to start construction this summer; science rooms for each elementary school and two thousand new computers with wiring infrastructure for all schools.

Lynn Mossoian named new elementary principal

Lynn Mossoian has been named principal of the new Romulus Elementary School. Romulus Superintendent Joel Carr said, "that Mossoian's appointment will provide strong leadership and greatly help facilitate the district's scheduled August 2001 opening for the 'state of the art' school."

"I'm looking forward to the exciting challenges ahead."

Lynn Mossoian



Lynn Mossoian

Principal at Hale Creek Elementary for the last ten years, Mossoian's students there have often achieved high scores on the state MEAP exams.

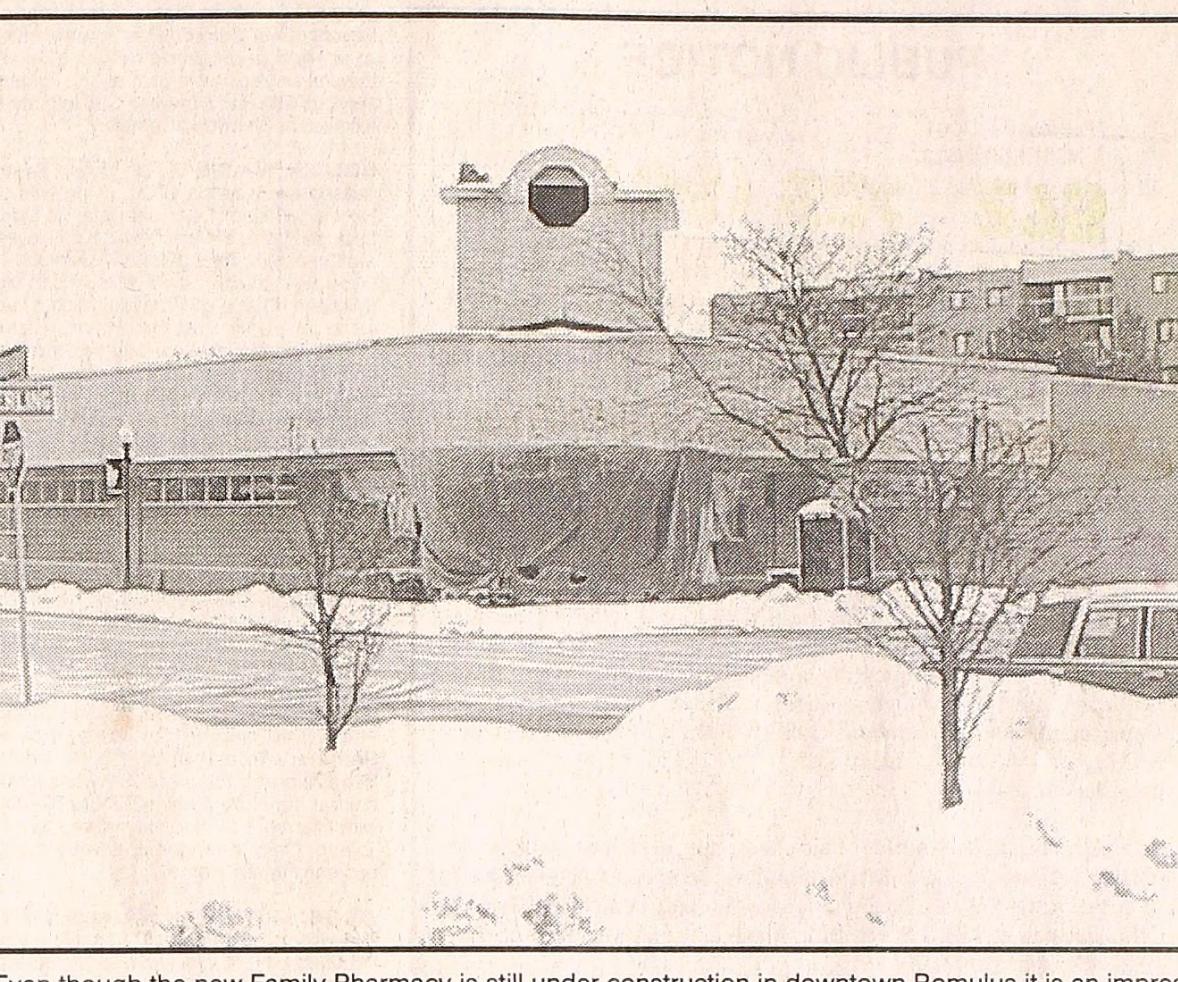
Mossoian said, "I'm looking forward to the exciting challenges ahead. The combined efforts of staff and parents will allow us to create our own unique identity as well as a community friendly school."

The veteran principal has also distinguished herself as head of the district's K-6 Language Arts

Curriculum and Assessments Initiative while additionally helping develop and write two successful summer literacy grants. She has also been a member of the district's "Climate Committee" and belongs to both the state and national associations for elementary principals.

Mossoian is married to Todd and has an 11 year old son, Spencer. She intends to schedule get acquainted meetings for all new students and parents as soon as the district concludes its current redistricting process in April.

As notable as his plans for the new store are, Newman is enthusiastic about the future of Romu-



Even though the new Family Pharmacy is still under construction in downtown Romulus it is an impressive structure. Photo by Jill Martin.

Downtown pharmacy to spring up

By JILL MARTIN
MCN Special Writer

On the heels of the disappointing closing of Romulus IGA, local drugstore owner, Bill Newman announced his new pharmacy will be open in late April or early May.

The new store will have 12,000 square feet of everyday supplies including prescriptions, gifts, groceries and film developing. Additionally the new store will have extensive lines of cosmetics and perfumes, greeting cards and seasonal decorations and merchandise.

Newman owns several drugstores including Andrews Sav-Mor Drugs in Belleville. The new Romulus Family Pharmacy will be slightly larger than the Belleville store.

As notable as his plans for the new store are, Newman is enthusiastic about the future of Romu-

lus's downtown. "I wouldn't have made the capital expenditure if I didn't have a vision for the future of this area," said Newman.

Newman added he expects a

new supermarket to open their doors in downtown Romulus soon and expects other businesspeople to follow his lead in making business investments, here.

Many factors led to closure

"I Get Attention", the once popular slogan of IGA stores everywhere was especially true in Romulus. But even the superior service maintained by Dennis Swaney and his staff of loyal workers, couldn't keep the store open.

The store closed last week, the victim of swirling rumors of impending demise for several months. Loyal employees weren't told of the store's closure until two days before the official closure—probably because owner Swaney believed until the end it would never close.

The year-long closing of God-

dard Road, the high cost of maintenance and store repairs, and a week without power were all contributing factors that led to the store's demise. These factors made it difficult to keep employees on staff and the shelves stocked.

Probably hardest hit by the store's closing are senior citizens that live in the Senior Towers behind the store. Linda Norman, Senior Center coordinator and her staff have offered to help in arranging for transportation to stores like Meijer's, Farmer Jacks or Walmart.

Pinnacle Part 3 - The Funding

Operating expense projected at \$172 million for Pinnacle

By JIM RAREY
MCN Special Writer

been acquired by condemnation through the exercise of the power of eminent domain.

The entire \$50 million of the county's "investment" comes from the "stadium fund" that county voters authorized in a "tourist tax" on rental cars to partially fund the development of Comerica Park in Detroit. This fact was disclosed by the Romulus Roman in its October 12, 2000 issue.

At the December 11, 2000 Romulus City Council meeting, county officials also admitted that \$7 million had been used from the airport's noise mitigation program to buy property that falls within the area of the Pinnacle project. They said that fund would be reimbursed, however no such expenditure is reflected in the Smart Park application. The reimbursed money could not be used outside of the areas previously authorized according to county officials.

At earlier public meetings with the Romulus City Council, county officials had "clarified" a ruling by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to the effect that any proceeds (sale or lease revenue)

from property acquired under the noise abatement program must be plowed back into that program. That is not the same thing as "reimbursing" the program for the original purchase prices of the properties.

Upon receiving the Smart Park designation a local development finance authority (the Pinnacle Development Corporation) would be formed. It would be empowered to "capture" the increase in valuation (after its creation) of real and personal property in the project area and the corresponding property taxes.

How that tax money would be divided among the authority and the two communities would be worked out in the "inter-local" agreement signed by the parties. The county's proposal was to assign all of the non-school taxes to the development authority and half of the captured school taxes. Of course, all state taxpayers would make up any shortfall in the schools' foundation grants through the state education fund.

Who would provide, and fund, police and fire protection in the project would also have to be cov-

ered in the inter-local agreement.

The county also expects the two communities to grant 12-year tax abatements to all Pinnacle tenants that qualify. Under the county's proposal, the city governments would get none of the increased property taxes until the end of the 17-year period, if then.

Another consideration is the more than one billion dollars in construction contracts projected to be signed in development of the project. Although a majority of those contracts presumably would be between tenants and contractors, the proposed by-laws for the Pinnacle Development Corporation (based on Wayne County guidelines) would leave the door open for county involvement.

The county administration has come under fire recently from both the county commission and a state legislature select committee investigation for contract irregularities at the county owned Detroit International Airport. Allegations include no bid contracts, unauthorized extensions of contracts and conflicts of interest. The county executive claims the investigation is politically motivated.

The county commission has also been criticized by some for lack of oversight and clear guidelines.

While the current projections are for the 1,800 acres of phases 1 and 2, the county proposal anticipates expansion of the project beyond that acreage at some time in the future, "as funds become available." Property could be acquired by negotiated purchase and/or condemnation as in the initial phases.

There will be at least two public hearings related to the Smart Park. One hearing would be held before the designation of the property as a "technology park" and a second prior to the creation of the local development authority. The Romulus Roman will highlight the notification of those hearings when they occur.

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OBITUARIES

BELT, MARY NELL, 64 of Wayne passed away January 11. Loving wife of William Belt. Beloved mother of Randy (Colleen) Belt, and Susan (Jeff) Carnahan. Dear sister of Ralph Settles, Nikki Reina, and the late Louis Settles. Dear grandmother of six and great-grandmother of one. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Elder Timothy Dunn officiating. Interment followed at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

BUCKHOLZ, EDNA RUTH, 84 of Westland passed away December 30. Loving mother of Barbara (Kenneth) Kucharski and Norma (Thomas)

Vanceave. Dear sister of Harold Matthews. Beloved grandmother of four and great grandmother of two. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home.

DANIELS, FLORENCE BRIDGET, 81 of Garden City passed away December 28. Loving wife of Walter Daniels. Beloved mother of Debra (Robert) Hropovitski, Sandra Jones, and the late William Daniels. Dear grandmother of Nicole Marcicki, William Daniels, Lindsey Jones, Ashley Jones, Danielle Grimes, and great grandmother of Aleys Marcicki. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with father Jack Baker officiating. Interment

followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

HICKEY, SHARON M., 43 of Wayne, passed away December 31. Beloved mother of Kevin, Keith and Derek. Dear daughter of Jacob and Terri Landskroener. Dear sister of Cheryl, Vivian, Jacob Jr., Darryl, Cheri, Tim, and Richard. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wayne. Interment followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Hts. Arrangements made through the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne.

HIVELEY, LUCILLE EVELYN, 84 of Westland passed away January 3. Dear wife of the late Milton Hiveley. Loving mother of Juanita Plank. Dear sister of Beverly (Earl) Carrera. Dear grandmother of six and great grandmother of nine. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Duwayne Lee. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery.

HOLLEN, MAISIE of Van Buren Twp., passed away January 12. Loving wife of Herman Hollen. Dear daughter of Dora Lucinda Hayes of Manchester, KY. Beloved mother of Mrs. Trent (Kimberly) Jackson of Gregory, Mich., and Mrs. Richard (Michelle) Priebe of Belleville, Mich. Dear sister of Eddie Bradford Hayre, Ricky Hayre, and Mrs. Robert (Margie) Wallace. Loving grandmother of six. She was a member of Intercity Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at Rominger Funeral Home, Manchester, Kentucky. Burial followed at Lacey Abener Cemetery, KY. Arrangements were made through Crane Funeral Home, Romulus.

JACKSON, CATHERINE HANKS, 79 of Inkster, born in Toledo, Ohio, passed away December 3. She leaves behind her brother Leo, devoted niece Mary Jenny Durham, nephew Donald, granddaughter Kenya, great grandchildren India and Jaire, family and friends. She was a teacher in Inkster Public Schools for 38 years and served for 12 years as Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Federation of Teachers. Services were held at the Holly Family Catholic Church with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo, Ohio. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home.

JONES, ARLYN, 82 of Westland, born in Ackerman, Mississippi, passed away December 11. She is survived by her sisters Narvelle and Eleanor; nieces and

nephews; family and friends. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star for 25 years. Services were held at Womack Temple CME Church. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home.

LAROUCHE, BERTRAND W., 84 of Westland passed away December 25. Dear husband of the late Gloria LaRouche. Loving father of Janice McLean and Steven LaRouche. Beloved grandfather of Susan (Rick) Jones and Laura (Chris) Gurtz. Loving great grandfather of Brian Gurtz, Julie Gurtz, Michelle Gurtz, Gregory Gurtz, Joe Jones, and Austin Jones. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia.

LOGSDON, PHYLLIS ADALYN, 79 of Wayne passed away January 15. Dear wife of the late William Logsdon. Loving mother of James Logsdon and Phyllis Ann Logsdon. Beloved sister of Doyle Crysler. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. David Dahlberg officiating. Interment followed at Grandlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

MCDERMOTT, VERA L. of Pittsfield Township (Formerly of Belleville) passed away January 6. Beloved wife of the late Ward McDermott. Dear mother of Tim McDermott of Ann Arbor. Dear daughter of the late Floyd and Nellie Robbins. Dear sister of Ula Branham of Missouri and Raetha Francie of California. She was a teacher at Elwell Elementary for 15 years, retired in 1980. She served her country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. A memorial service was held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. Kenneth Miller officiating. Cremation rite have been accorded. Arrangements were made by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

MCGHEE, JAMES O., of Romulus passed away December 30. Loving husband of Anna (Barnes) McGhee. Dear brother of Elmer "Pete" (Mary) McGhee, J.T. (Winifred) McGhee; brother-in-law of Mrs. June McGhee. He is also survived by three nephews and three great nieces. Funeral services were held at Calvary Baptist Church, burial followed at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements made by Crane Funeral Home.

MOLENDA, STELLA PATRICIA, of Romulus passed away January 6. Loving

mother of Timothy Molenda of Romulus; Michael (Darlene) Molenda of Canton; Matthew Molenda of Romulus; Brian Molenda of Royal Oak; Maryann Molenda of Waterford; Lisa (Scott) Bogaert of Windsor, Ontario; Susan Molenda of Romulus; Michelle Molenda of Romulus. Dear sister of Jean Szczepak and step-sister of Adam Guda. Beloved grandmother of Monique and Gabriella Bogaert; Trevor and Kayla Molenda. Preceded in death by husband Michael and also by five brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Interment followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements made by Crane Funeral Home.

SMITH, BARB F., 49 of Belleville, passed away January 8. Beloved wife of Walter Smith. Dear daughter of the late Earl and Muriel E. (Nordick) Foster. She is survived by her husband, five step-children, and eight grandchildren. She was a member of Belleville T.O.P.S. #338. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. Kenneth Miller officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Hospice of Washtenaw.

SMITH, PRENTINCE, 49 of Detroit, passed away December 11. He leaves behind to mourn his passing mother Odessa; sons Prentince Jr., Craig, and Monya; grandchildren Prentice III, Cierra, Jae Janet and DeJonte; stepdaughter LaShawne; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. W.W. Davis officiating.

STABENOW, MARY LOU, of Romulus passed away January 2, 2001. Loving sister of Walter (Bella) Killingsworth of New Mexico; Edgar (Barbara) Killingsworth, Romulus; Michael (Barbara) Killingsworth of Canton; Bryan Killingsworth of Romulus; William Killingsworth of Romulus; and Nancy Lee Moore of Romulus. Dear aunt of Lisa Lapko and Michael Killingsworth.

Preceded in death by husband Fredrick. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home with Rev. William Kren officiating. Interment followed at Romulus Cemetery.

SUMNER, ETHEL VELMA, of Westland passed away January 4. Loving mother of James (Judy) Sumner of Westland, Carol (Robert) Binert of Belleville, and William Sumner of Ann Arbor. Dear grandmother of five. Preceded in death by husband Orval and one brother. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Rowland. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to the Romulus Senior Center.

TEASDALE, JOHN "JACK" E., 80 of Belleville passed away January 7. Beloved husband of Dorothy A. Teasdale for 61 years. Dear father of Mary (Bill) Greenwood of Ypsilanti; Kathy (Mike) LaSalla of Marina Del Ray, CA; Betty Teasdale of Ypsilanti; and John Teasdale of Belleville. Dear son of the late John and Mary (Walsh) Teasdale. Dear brother of Thomas (Vera) Teasdale of Westland and Richard Teasdale of Romulus. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents, daughter and daughter Sharon. He graduated from Catholic Central in Detroit in 1938. He served in the Navy during WWII. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 31 years. He was a member of the Romulus VFW, St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville where served as an usher and minister. Funeral services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Father Thomas Cusick officiating. Interment followed at Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti. Arrangements made by David C. Brown Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Hospice of Washtenaw.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: February 1, 2001
Permit No. MI0056413
Wayne Disposal-Site 2 Landfill

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue a discharge permit to: Wayne Disposal, Inc., 49350 North I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, Michigan 48111 for the Site #2 Landfill located at the same address. The applicant operates a hazardous waste landfill. The applicant discharges storm water runoff to Quirk Drain, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 17, T3S, R8E, Wayne County.

The draft permit includes the following modifications to the previously issued permit: effluent limitations for total PCBs and pH; and monitoring for flow, total suspended solids and fecal coliform bacteria.

Comments or objections to the draft permit received by March 5, 2001 will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing, should contact: Asad Quraishi, Permits Section, Surface Water Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-335-4119, e-mail: quraisha@state.mi.us.

Copies of the public notice, fact sheet, and draft permit may be obtained at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/swq/permits/publicnotice.htm>, or at the Surface Water Quality Division Southeast Michigan District Office located at 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152-1006, telephone: 734-953-1451.

Publish: February 1, 2001

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JANUARY 8, 2001 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth. Absent: None.

Excused: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-005

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 3, 2001.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

01-006

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to grant Final Plan Approval for a Planned Development Area Phase I Highland Development Company, L.L.C. for construction of 134 single family condominium units, a day care center and other commercial development. The proposed development to be known as the Highlands of Romulus will be on 974 ± acres located on the north side of Pennsylvania between Middlebelt and Inkster Roads.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-007

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Carrie Mae Price.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

01-008

4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Stella Molenda.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-009

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 00/01-28 to the only bidder, Minute Man Powerboss in the amount of \$3,527.50 for two (2) wide path vacuum cleaners.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-010

5B. Motion by Morris, supported by Rornak to award Bid 00/01-30 to the low bidder, Exotic Rubber and Plastics in the amount of \$3,416.00 for the purchase of eight (8) Hose Reels.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-011

5C. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize an increase to the original estimated purchase of road salt by an additional 4,500 tons on Bid 09-49 awarded to Morton Salt at the 1999 price of \$23.70 per ton.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously

01-012

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff, in compliance with Section 14-10 of the Romulus City Charter, to vacate the following streets in the Detroit Industrial Center Subdivision; Crowley Avenue, Smith Avenue and the following streets south of Charles Avenue: Ozga, Elmview, Craig; and to vacate the alley from lot 159 through 280 inclusive.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-013

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to authorize the payment of Warrant 01-01 in the grand total amount of Four Hundred and Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty Five Dollars and Five Cents (\$403,435.05).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None. Abstain Crova.
Motion Carried.

01-014

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

01-015

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

01-016

1, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 8, 2001.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

01-017

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 3, 2001.

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01-026

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE

'Schools of Choice'

Wayne-Westland unveils program for 2001-2002

Wayne-Westland Community School officials announced this week that the district will be offering a "Schools of Choice" program for the 2001-2002 school year.

School officials point out that the Schools of Choice program provides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district. But they stress that there is a provision in the program that stipulates the transfer may be made only if there is room available in the school accepting the new student.

Transportation to and from the School of Choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian and it may not be the responsibility of the school district.

School district residents who would like their child to attend a school other than their school of

residency must submit a 2001-2002 Schools of Choice application to make their intent known.

The application will be made available in all Wayne-Westland schools on or before Monday, Feb. 5.

Also, Schools of Choice applications for middle and high school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education, 36745 Marquette Road, in Westland, through March 5.

Schools of Choice applications for elementary school students will be accepted at the Pupil Accounting Office between March 6 and April 6.

School officials stress that applications received according to the published time lines will permit selected students to begin the 2001-2002 school year in their

school of choice, if space is available. If more students apply for a grade or building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students.

The names of students not selected at this time will be placed on a waiting list for the 2001-2002 school year, officials said.

Current Schools of Choice students must reapply in order to protect their status and remain eligible for the program next year.

After the deadlines, Schools of Choice applications will be accepted until Sept. 14, 2001 at the school where the parent or guardian would like the child to attend. The names will be added to the 2001-2002 school year waiting lists on a first come, first-serve basis.

Building principals may use

the waiting lists to notify parents of qualified students of the opening. The principals will be allowed to place Schools of Choice students only through October 5, 2001.

There will be no Schools of Choice placements after the deadline, school officials caution.

District officials also state that a Schools of Choice student will be moved back to his or her school if an overcrowding situation occurs within the first 10 weeks of the school year.

After 10 weeks, however, the student will be permitted to remain in the School of Choice for the remainder of the school year, provided all other conditions are met.

For further information, please contact Larry Galbraith at 734-595-2314.

Wayne Health Center offers flu shots

Those long awaited and unavailable flu vaccines have arrived.

Wayne Health Center officials announced this week that the Wayne County Department of Public Health has recently received extra doses of flu vaccines and will make the vaccines available to local residents who have not yet received their shots.

"For anyone wishing to reduce their risk of getting the flu, it's not too late to get this year's vaccine," said Dr. Donald Lawrenchuk, Medical Director for the Wayne County Department of Public Health. "The typical influenza season runs through April of each year."

The recently-received supply will allow the Health Department employees to provide

flu shots to residents through February at five of their health centers. The health center in the City of Wayne is located at 33030 Van Born Road.

Residents who need further information may call the center by dialing 734-727-7100.

Health officials say that a \$9 donation for the flu shot and \$16 for the pneumonia vaccine is being requested, however, no one will be turned away due to the inability to pay. The shots are covered under Medicare. Health officials, however, will ask clients to present their Medicare cards at the time of inoculations so that these services may be billed to Medicare.

Also notable is that Wayne County will offer a three-virus split vaccine for the 2000-2001.

Wayne woman elected program chair

A Wayne woman has been elected to serve as program chair of a sorority at Alma College.

Amanda McKinnon, daughter of Sandy Byrnes, was named the Personal and Chapter Enrichment chair of the Epsilon Beta

Chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority at the college.

Mckinnon has been a member of the sorority since the winter semester of 1999. She plans to major in Exercise and Health Science.

International Gamma Phi Beta

Sorority was founded in 1874 at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

Today, the sorority has over 120 collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada. The Epsilon Beta chapter at Alma Col-

lege has approximately 70 active members.

The sorority and Gamma Phi Beta's Education Foundation are headquartered in Englewood, Colorado.

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

State of the City

Mayor Hampton to deliver address on Monday

Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr. will address the council, administration and the citizens of the city in his inaugural "State of the City" address which will be delivered at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5.

Mayor Hampton will deliver the speech just before the council is scheduled to meet in the coun-

cil chambers at Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex.

The mayor plans to touch upon the city's accomplishments during the past year, and discuss its present objectives and future goals, he said.

With the elimination of two

eyesores in the city - an adult movie house and adult book store, the mayor will also stress that new opportunities for economic and commercial development have been opened up for the city to explore.

"Those two buildings (Melody

and The Book Shack) were the hub of approximately 60 to 70 percent of the crime on Michigan Avenue," the mayor earlier stated. "With those businesses closed, the city can now look forward to aggressively develop the Michigan Avenue corridor and to a future with less crime."

Local student honored

Tabatha D. Pasley, a Cranbrook Kingswood School scholar and senior, has recently raised her title of semifinalist to finalist in the National Scholarship Program.

There were 115,000 African American students who were administered the S.A.T. test this year. Pasley ranked in the top 1,500 test takers nationwide.

Pasley's achievement puts her in the top 1 percent in the country for highest scores. Tabatha plans to attend Michigan State this fall, where she earned a full four-year scholarship while still in Middle School, sponsored by the Wade McCree Program.

She plans to major in Business Finance and minor in journalism. Her family is extremely proud of her and supports her fully. Her Parents are Darlene Sparks and Tyrone Pasley. She has a brother Brandon, 20, and a sister Olivia, 8 months.

Top Teens, top volunteers

Top Teens of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., Michigan Metro Chapter, volunteered their services at the Charles H. Wright African American Museum in Detroit during the holidays. They served as greeters and also helped in the Craft Workshops. This is their second year at the museum. Among the participants, pictured above, are from left: Lady Jessie Shelby and Lady Gina Allen, Top Teen Adviser. Also pictured are Teens Brittany Jones, Kirtis Allen, Ashley Hodge, Zachary Carnell, Ashley Williams, Brittany Dalton, Ashley Kirkland, Lady Ernestine Williams, Teen Athenee Elrington, Teen President, and Teen Zandile Chirunge. (Not pictured are Lord Herbert and Lady Gloria Alexander).

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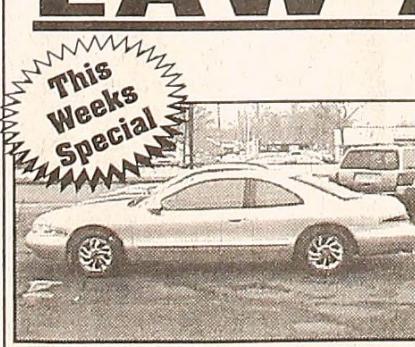
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MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Tigers top Rouge to stretch streak to 10

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After a season-opening loss to Walled Lake Central, Belleville has managed to string together a 10-game winning streak, including a lopsided 74-58 victory over downriver power River Rouge, which has kept coach Rod Fisher and the Tigers on top of the Mega-Red Division standings.

Fisher's Tigers are 7-0 in the

Mega-Red, and 10-1 overall. Equally notable, in the race for the conference title, they have a two-game cushion over arch-rival Romulus, the defending champ. The champs have only a slim chance of catching the divisional leader.

Romulus will need help some help.

Even if coach Guy DelGiudice's ball club upset - and it

would have to be considered a significant upset when they meet Belleville for the second time this season on Feb. 13, someone else would also have to hand the Tigers a loss in order for Romulus to back up into the title picture.

At times, being the league-leader may be a death penalty for teams. Most opponents usually step up their game a notch or two

and will gun for the top team. Belleville definitely is the top team in the conference as February begins.

Friday night, Belleville seized on its backcourt experience and took control early to hand Rouge one of its worst setbacks on the pine in recent years. Four Tiger players - Jerriel Burrus, Kris Miller, Antoine Jordan and James Holmes led the Tiger as-

sault. All finished in double figures.

Jordan, a 6-2 junior, and Holmes, shared the game's individual scoring honors. Each pumped in 17 points. Jordan also was very active on the boards as he grabbed 11 rebounds.

Miller chipped in 15 points and Burrus added 14 in the Tigers' 10th straight win. The only problems the Tigers had

against Rouge was at the free throw line, where they capitalized on 14 of 23.

Lou Hamilton, one of the premier players in the state this year, scored 11 for the Panthers. He also dished off more than a dozen passes for assists.

The Tigers caught Monroe, the newest member of the Mega-Red, Tuesday night and will host Ypsilanti on Friday.

Back-to-back victories keep Romulus rolling

Canton corals Mustangs

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

A deflected inbound pass and a perfect 8 for 8 team effort at the free throw line in the fourth quarter provided the drama in a last-second 59-56 Plymouth-Canton victory over a rugged and taller Northville Friday night.

Northville, thanks to 6-6 forward Dave Gregor, led early, 16-13, but trailed by one, 26-25 at halftime.

The game remained in doubt until the closing minute when Northville closed within three, but lost the ball on an inbound pass which reached Jason Priebe after teammate Jerry Gaines had deflected it.

Hitting all eight of their free throws in the final quarter also didn't hurt the Chiefs' cause.

"We kept battling back and refused to quit," said Canton's first-year coach Jeremy Rheault. "They are a much taller team. Gregor is 6-6 and they also have a 7-footer (Junior Tom Knapp)."

Gregor's 18 points stood up as the game's high. But the Mustang forward didn't have a supporting cast. Knapp scored only six points against the Chiefs.

On the other side of the scoring ledger, the Chiefs managed to place three players in double figures with Gaines' 13 points the team's high.

Nick Cabauatan and Sofen each scored 11 points.

For the game, the Chiefs finished with 15 of 25 at the free throw line, while the hosts connected on eight of 12.

"I felt that this was our best overall performance of the season," said Rheault who noted that Holmes did an exceptional job against the 7-foot Knapp. The Canton coach also commended junior Andy Meagrow who came off the bench and contributed immensely toward the victory as did Ryan Barker.

The Chiefs were at home Tuesday against Westland John Glenn and will play Farmington Hills Harrison on the home court on Friday.

Canton also defeated North Farmington 49-43 in overtime as they rallied late in the game after being down by as much as seven points to tie the score and force the issue into the OT.

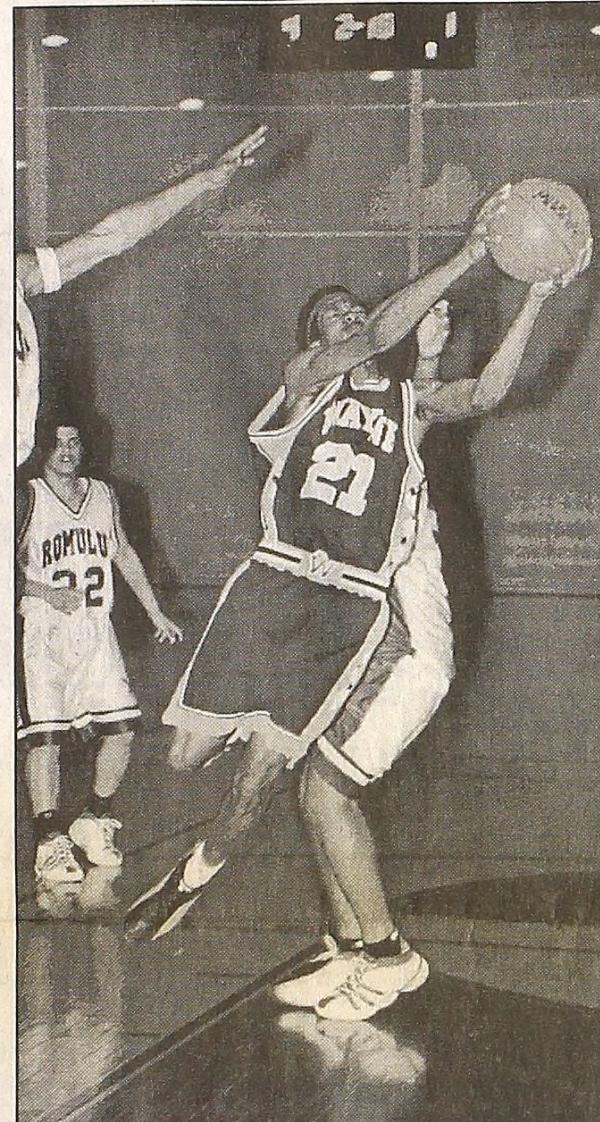
Oliver Wolcott scored 12 points for the winners who again pulled out the victory at the free throw line where they sank 13 of 18 in the final eight minutes and 20 of 30 for the game.

In the meantime, John Glenn wasted a career high 20 points from junior guard Anthony Harrill in a 60-52 loss to Walled Lake Western in a Western Lakes Conference basketball game.

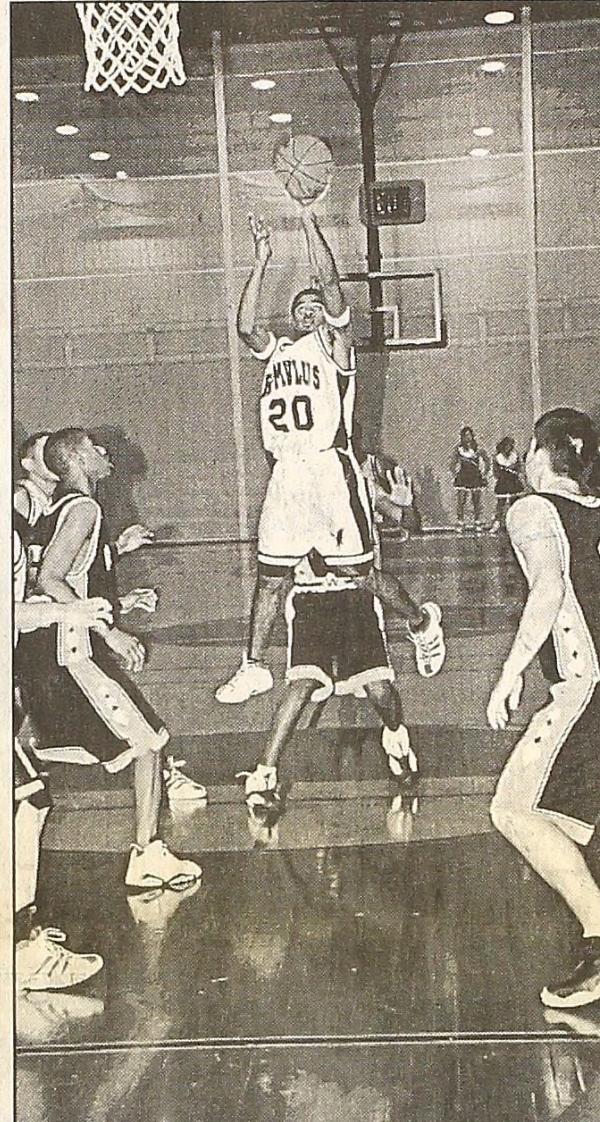
Although close until late in the final quarter, Glenn couldn't get the go-ahead basket after trailing 15-14 and 32-28 after the first two quarters.

Western widened the gap by outscoring their hosts 15-10 in the third period.

Darnell Dorris was the only other Glenn player to hit in double figures. He had 11, and Mike Goree came off the Rocket bench and drilled seven points.



Wayne Memorial's Shannon Jefferies (21) cuts through the Romulus defense en route to the hoop for two of his points. Photo by Carl Brown



Romulus' Charles Searcy (20) has his sights set on Wayne's basket, and doesn't miss the opportunity to capitalize on the easy shot. Photo by Carl Brown

Wayne, Willow Run fall to flying Eagles

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

With the addition of a veteran playmaker and shooter to their arsenal on offense, Romulus jolted title hopeful Willow Run 70-62, in overtime on Tuesday, then turned back Wayne Memorial 56-51 before the home crowd on Friday.

The back-to-back Romulus victories have lifted the Eagles out of the depths of the Mega-Red. The defending champ has returned to the title chase, a chase led by Belleville.

Deon Solomon, forced to sit out the first part of the 2000-2001 season due to scholastic deficiencies, pumped in 14 points and collected five assists to help the Eagles get past pre-season title favorite Willow Run.

But it was senior David Jarrett's outstanding overall performance that turned the tide for coach Guy DelGiudice's Eagles. Jarrett drilled six of his game-high 24 points, which was also a career high, in the OT. He also managed to pick off 17 rebounds against the Flyers.

Willow Run started strong. The Flyers looked like they were going to bury the Eagles in the deepwell as they took a 16-11 early lead. Romulus climbed out with a 17-10 scoring edge and led precariously 27-26 at the half.

The Flyers regained their poise early in the second half and pushed ahead, 39-37. The lead exchanged hands several times before Chris Talley hit a big three and Solomon sank a pair of free throws to tie the game at 57.

In the OT, Willow Run couldn't stop Jarrett.

Romulus had three players in double figures. Jarrett's 24 led the field. Teammate Mike Christopher added 19 and Solomon scores 14 in his debut. Talley added nine for the Eagles, who made nine of 12 at the free throw line.

"Whenever you win a game on the road in this league you have to be happy," said DelGiudice. "It

Romulus had a 53-48 lead with 47 seconds left.

was a good victory."

Wayne had the defending champ on the rope but could not come up with the knockout punch. The Zebras blew leads of 12-11, 23-18 and 38-40 in the first three quarters.

Romulus had a 53-48 lead with 47 seconds left when Wayne's Gary Johnson was fouled during a three-point attempt. Johnson sank all three of the free throws to close the gap to 51-50, but the Eagles came back with a Jarrett basket to seal the victory.

Johnson and Jeff Logwood, who played a superb overall game, finished with 16 points each.

Romulus got 14 points from Talley and Ron Buckley added 12 - all in the second half. Solomon contributed nine.

Johnson scored a game high 29 points in a 69-60 losing cause against host, Belleville, on Tuesday as the Mega-Red leaders outscored their visitors 48-33 in the final two periods.

Logwood finished with 12 for the Zebras who made 12 of 22 at the free throw line.

Eight Belleville players got into the scoring column. Jordan's 16 topped the Tigers. Lorne Johnson added 12 and Burrus finished with 11 for the winners who sank 12 of 21 free throws.

Wayne will begin the week with a 2-5 divisional and 5-5 overall record. Coach Wayne Woodard's ball club will host River Rouge Friday night as Wayne celebrates its traditional "Coming Home Night". (They played Ypsilanti at Ypsi on Tuesday.)

In the meantime, Romulus is on the road for its next two. Tuesday they visited River Rouge and have Friday night off to prepare for Tuesday night's game at Monroe.

Victory over Wayne gives Edsel key to title

Riding the crest of their recent victory at the Wayne Memorial Invitational, Edsel Ford swimmers edged previously undefeated Wayne Memorial, 49-45, last week to take control of the Mega-White Division.

The loss left coach Mike Gruber and the Zebras with a 5-1 record, and in second place after they rebounded and beat Wyandotte, 105-78, on Thursday.

"Edsel definitely is the team to beat in our division," Gruber said after the meet. "We still have a shot at the title, if we can finish ahead of them at the conference championship."

Against Wyandotte, Wayne picked up seven first places. Versatile swimmer, Chris Webber, accounted for two of the seven victories. He placed first in the 200-meter individual medley (2:15.8), and also won the 100-meter butterfly in 1:01.8.

Wayne's Andrew Drennen came through for his team in the

100-yard breaststroke. He led the field thanks to a 1:09.7 finish. Rob Bolich compiled a total of 139.85 points to finish first in diving.

Wayne also captured a first in the 100-meter freestyle as Kyle Scott turned in with a 54.4.

Gruber's 200-medley relay team, made up of Webber, Drennen, Greg Sarkozi and Brad Chiasson touched in first. The winning time was posted as 1:52.8. The Zebras' 200-freestyle relay foursome also finished first (1:38.7). The lineup included Josh Raub, Drennen, Sarkozi and Scott.

Division-leader Dearborn gets a score from Inkster

The first-time around the Mega-White Division basketball circuit Inkster lost to Dearborn by 31 points.

Friday night, coach Steve Brooks and the Vikings almost cut the division's co-leaders down to size. They lost by two, 55-53, in a duel that went right down to the wire.

"It probably was the best game we played all year," said Brooks, who is in his first year as Inkster's head coach. "When you lose by more than 30, you would think that they (Dearborn) would be head and shoulders above us.

"Our kids proved to them Friday night that they weren't. We played our hearts out against them, and we came within a basket of pulling this one out. I am proud of this team."

With Ethan Wilkinson leading the way against Inkster, the Pioneers jumped to a 20-11 first period advantage. Though they were challenged several times in the second half for the lead, the Pioneers never trailed.

Dearborn saw its five-game

White Division winning streak snapped Tuesday night, 55-52, at Highland Park, and the Pioneers could not afford another loss if they wanted to stay in the title chase.

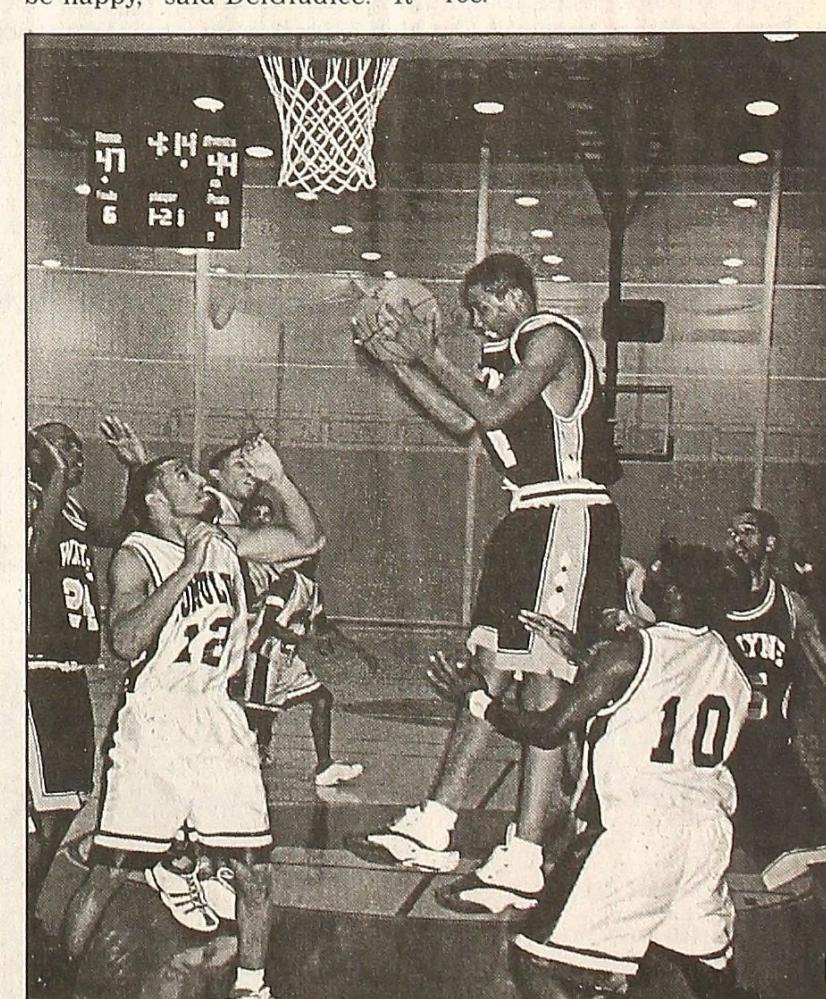
Fordson, Highland Park and Dearborn are jammed atop of the league. But Fordson was scheduled to play Dearborn Tuesday night, and the Tractors will be without the services of two of their starters who were ejected for an altercation in the game against visiting Robichaud Friday night. (The game was eventually awarded to Fordson on a forfeit).

In the fourth, Morris pulled his team within one, 54-53, by canning the first of a one-and-one, but he missed the second and the Pioneers came up with the rebound and made an inside shot to widen the gap to three-points.

"It was a tough game and a tough loss for us," said Brooks.

"A victory over a team like Dearborn would have really been a psychological boost for this team."

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Popping up between the sandwiched Romulus defenders Christopher Talley (12) and Kerel Sandusky (10) is Wayne's floor and scoring leader Gary Johnson who scored 16 against the Eagles. Photo by Carl Brown

Canton spikers finish 3rd at U-D Dearborn Invitational

After a rough week in Western Lakes Conference competition, Plymouth-Canton spikers came back and captured third place in a field of 24 teams at the prestigious University of Michigan Dearborn Volleyball Invitational.

The Chiefs compiled a 5-1 record in matches on the day. They lost only two of 13 games in the tournament.

The local spikers managed to reach the semifinal round of the tournament before Dearborn, the eventual tournament Champs, defeated them.

The Chiefs received sterling efforts from Mary Krycka, who had 112 assists out of 268 attempts; Meghan Meier collected 57 digs, 15 aces and had 55 kills for the tournament, while Ashley Williams finished with 43 digs, 15 aces and 28 kills, and Christina Kiessl chipped in with 33 aces and 28 digs.

Three other players made major contributions to the

Chiefs' successful appearance at the tournament. They are Jennifer Wagner, who came up with 34 digs and 20 kills; Colleen O'Brien, with six aces off of 25 attempts, and Courtney Jarman, who accounted for 38 kills, 35 digs and eight aces.

Canton earned the first place in Pool D, and was the overall second place seed in the playoff brackets by going 6-0 in their pool. The Chiefs remained focus as they defeated Jonesville, 15-7, and 15-6; dumped River Rouge, 15-0, 15-5, and defeated Fordson, 15-9, 15-9.

With an impeccable record in the preliminary round, the Chiefs advanced to the 16-team championship bracket. They drew WLAA opponent, North Farmington, in the first round and the Raiders just couldn't handle the Chiefs serving and strong transition game.

Canton buried North 15-8 and 15-1 to advance to the quarterfinals where they came

across Lakeland which had defeated Sterling Heights Stevenson in the first-round of the playoffs.

Riding the wave of their success, Canton also rolled past Lakeland, 15-6, 15-3 to advance to the semis.

Locked in a do-or-die duel with Dearborn in the semis, Canton survived a nailbiting first game, 15-13, but the Pioneers regrouped and fought back to tie the game with a 15-11 second game that set up the crucial showdown for all of the marbles.

As they did in the second game, Dearborn again jumped out to an early lead, 4-0, but the Chiefs stayed within shooting range and came within one, 7-6, of tying the score.

Pioneers held fast and went on to win a 15-7 decision that proved to be the gateway to the 2001 title.

Demick said he had hoped his team would have fared better at the power-laden tournament.

"We did not have a good first round," explained Demick. "After that, we had a team meeting and did some real soul-searching. Our guys apparently got the message and came back strong from an initial seventh ranking to take fourth behind state-ranked Portland, Jackson Northwest and Trenton."

Canton ended up with one wrestler, Doy Demick, in the finals. However, 11 other Canton wrestlers managed to place in the top five.

"Placing this many wrestlers in

this strong of a 13 team invitation was still very good," Demick offered. "This was a great preparation for our up and coming tournaments."

Here are the results of the local wrestlers: Doy Demick, finished with a silver medal in the 12-pound class; Third place winners were: Greg Musser (140), Scott McKee (171), and Phil Rothwell (189). The Chiefs also had four fourth-place finishers in Kyle Pitt (119), Joe Faraoni (152), Shaheen Rajae (160), and Ozzie Wagner (215).

Placing fifth for the Chiefs were Chris Hosey (135), Mike Siegrist (145) and Derek McWatt (heavyweight).

Romulus continues baseball sign-up

Prospective Little League baseball players will have two more opportunities to register for the Romulus Parks and Recreation summer leagues.

Recreation officials said this week that ball players planning to compete in the Romulus leagues may register from 6 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 2, and also sign up on Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Officials also said that players must have at the time they register the following documents: Proof of residency in Romulus; and a birth certificate. (The original copies will not be accepted.)

Players may register for softball, Tee Ball and "the Big Leagues" as well at the Romulus Recreation Department, located at 36515 Bibbins Street.

Contact the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department if you have further questions.

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Canton grapplers come up short against Northville

Plymouth-Canton's title express came to an abrupt stop on Thursday as engineer John Demick's previously unstoppable mat engine was derailed by Northville.

It was also an evening where outsiders commented on how far Canton's wrestling program has advanced, in such a short span. Referee Dale Collier expressed the general sentiments of the fans as follows:

"I haven't seen Canton this good since 12, 15...well, come to think of it, I've never seen Canton look this good before!"

Northville posted a huge West-

ern Lakes Conference victory. The Colts rode off with a 38-24 triumph.

"Northville is a strong team," Demick stressed. "More of their guys wanted this (victory) than the sum of our guys. We still respect ourselves enough to see this as an upset."

"Northville deserved the win tonight. They knew we would be their toughest competition in the league. Hopefully, we can dig down a little further to come up with more for the Team Districts."

The districts will be staged later this month.

"I'm actually looking forward to seeing them again. In this one, many of our matches could have gone either way."

The Chiefs received outstanding individual performances from Doy Demick, who won a 5-2 decision over Matt Doyle; Chris Hosey pinned Pat Patterson in 24 seconds. Also, Canton's Greg Musser remained solid on the mats as he turned back Peter Kelley in 1:03, while teammate Mike Siegrist defeated Brian Ashby in OT, 9-7.

Northville didn't produce an opponent for Derek McWatt who was awarded a victory via a void.

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Chiefs 4th-best at Jackson Challenge

Plymouth-Canton accepted the challenge of wrestling at the Jackson Northwest where they had an opportunity to see a few state-ranked teams in action.

Coach John Demick's Chiefs finished fourth in a field of 13 teams. Canton garnered 155 points and trailed invitational winner Portland which beat the host, 220.5 to 186, for the top prize. Trenton wrestlers finished third (179.5).

Other team finishes included: Saline (122), Harper Creek (114), Owosso (109), Adrian (107.5), Chippewa Hills (94.5), Dexter (64), Allen Park (63), Albion (35.5) and Mountie (9).

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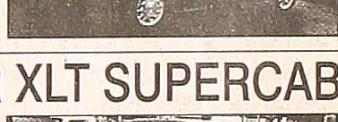
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Opinion

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We support elected mayor in Wayne, impressed with Westland choices

Next Tuesday, February 6 is another election day for voters in Westland and Wayne. The Westland ballot asks residents to select two new council people to replace two that were recalled a couple of months ago.

In the continuing soap opera called Westland politics, a new twist in state regulations has allowed for only one name to appear on the ballot — that of James Godbout, who was appointed to the council late last year.

Godbout was the only one to beat the petition deadline to get his name on the ballot for the special election. Others tried valiantly, but inclement weather and the Christmas holiday made petition signatures very difficult to get, and with the state not wanting to extend the time allowed to gather signatures, the ballot, despite having two positions available, has only one candidate.

But as fate would have it, this quirk of election law has brought several political heavyweights out of the closet to run as write-ins. Godbout is being challenged by former longtime council person and Mayor Chuck Pickering; and narrow loser in the last election, council critic, Dorothy Smith. This trio is vying for the three-year term on the ballot.

Contesting the one-year term are recently appointed council person Peggy Ellenwood, former state representative Eileen DeHart, and a candidate in the last council election, Jim Chuck, who sat on the Library Board.

All candidates for both positions are highly qualified and deserve your consideration, including incumbents Ellenwood and Godbout, who have only been on

Council for a short time, but have helped to make this council enormously effective in dealing with Westland's myriad of problems.

But with the exception of Godbout, all must count on voters to actually write their names on the ballot in the appropriate spot. This probably means it's a popularity contest and the candidates with the most name recognition are going to win. It could also mean someone we haven't listed could put together a constituency and possibly win a seat.

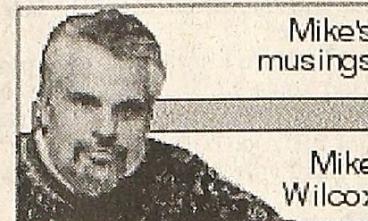
Write-in elections are extremely rare, thus there are no rules-of-thumb on how to campaign to get the necessary votes for victory. I'm assuming a large block of voters, like city employees or UAW members or senior citizens, could decide these seats by persuading members to vote for a certain candidate.

Whatever the outcome, Westland will be much better off than they were a year ago. Frankly, we're pleased with Council's new direction and serious efforts to control the budget, and whoever wins the two seats this Tuesday, we expect, will only enhance those efforts.

WAYNE

Wayne voters have the opportunity to revise the City Charter, and allow for an elected mayor. Currently the mayor of Wayne, largely a ceremonial position — the city manager actually runs the day-to-day City operations — is elected by a vote of City Council.

To refresh Wayne residents, the Wayne Eagle and others worked hard to see that this amendment was placed on the ballot. I have written and still maintain that the



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musings

Mike
Wilcox

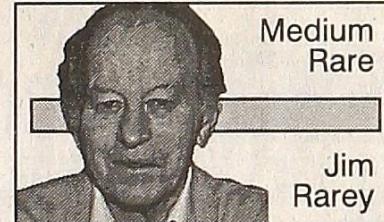
mayor of Wayne ought to be accountable to all voters, and not just the majority of votes he receives from council.

Last year, when it came time to elect the mayor, council was split 4-3, with political enemies Shirley Powser and now Mayor Robert Dickerson cutting an eleventh hour deal to make him mayor. Some might say, Powser, now holds the trump card on all council votes.

Although Robert Dickerson has performed splendidly as mayor, his new position would wield much more authority if it were given to him by the people. And I think all of us would feel better knowing that an important issue before council will be decided on merit versus a backroom deal that was cut some time ago.

Opponents of the elected mayor process, feel it will take authority away from the city manager. Some say it is the first step to do away with that form of government. This newspaper is not advocating that position, whatsoever. We actually believe that a city manager form of government is much more effective than a strong mayor form. However, when you are going to have a mayor, whether it be a strong mayor like Westland, or a ceremonial type like Wayne or Inkster, we believe it is important to have the people elect their favorite person to that position.

Job mantra trumps property rights



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Amendment to the US Constitution) is well established and accepted. Most people accept as legitimate the government's power to take private property for such things as roads, parks and even nonprofit hospitals and government buildings as long as they can truly be used by the entire public.

However, in recent decades, the courts have changed the meaning of the constitution without amending it. The term "public use" has now become "public good" and not necessarily for all of the public.

The current mantra is jobs, jobs, and more jobs. Across the country hapless home and business owners have been displaced by government taking their property to be sold (or in some cases

virtually given away) on the rationale that "new" jobs will be generated in the area.

Two examples in the City of Detroit are the massive displacement of homeowners and businesses in the "Poletown" area for a General Motors manufacturing facility and displacement of businesses to build two sports stadiums in the downtown area.

Detroit's attempt to use eminent domain to acquire property for three permanent gambling casinos may test just how far the "legislators" in the courts are willing to stretch their definition of "public good."

The county is using the jobs rationale in its condemnation of property for the Pinnacle project. The prospect of Romulus and Huron Township home and business owners keeping their property is rather bleak unless the courts can be forced (kicking and screaming) to limit their rulings to the original intent of the US Constitution and its amendments properly adopted.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Dorothy Smith labors nonstop for taxpayers

To the editor:

I am Dorothy W. Smith, your long-standing political fighter, once again asking for your support. I will be seeking a temporary seat on the Westland City Council in the February 6 Special Election. Write in Dorothy W. Smith, three-year term to end 2004.

My nonstop labors on behalf of Westland taxpayers are well known to most of you, and I thank you for your undying support of my fights through the years.

I have attended council meetings since 1981 without a break. Except for six months in 1997, when an amputation was necessary. I know the functions of the city council quite well. Through

the years I have sat on two unpaid city boards.

I have fought the inequities in Westland Civil Service testing. I have opposed overbuilding and rallied against tax cuts for businesses, which are referred to as tax abatements, while citizens have paid full taxes. In addition, I have protested against taxation levied without the approval of the people. This does not include sidewalks and pipes obtained in the south section of the city, which entailed Block Grant Funds, not taxation.

The list is long, and I succeeded in most of my efforts.

The crowning victory, for all property owners in Michigan, was

winning an amendment to a law called the Levy of Interest, which allowed levies to be placed on properties for, technically speaking, no reason at all. Basically, it was a loophole in the law. Finally, after ten years of work, Governor Engler signed an amendment to the law, which makes such activity a felony, punishable by fine, incarceration, or both.

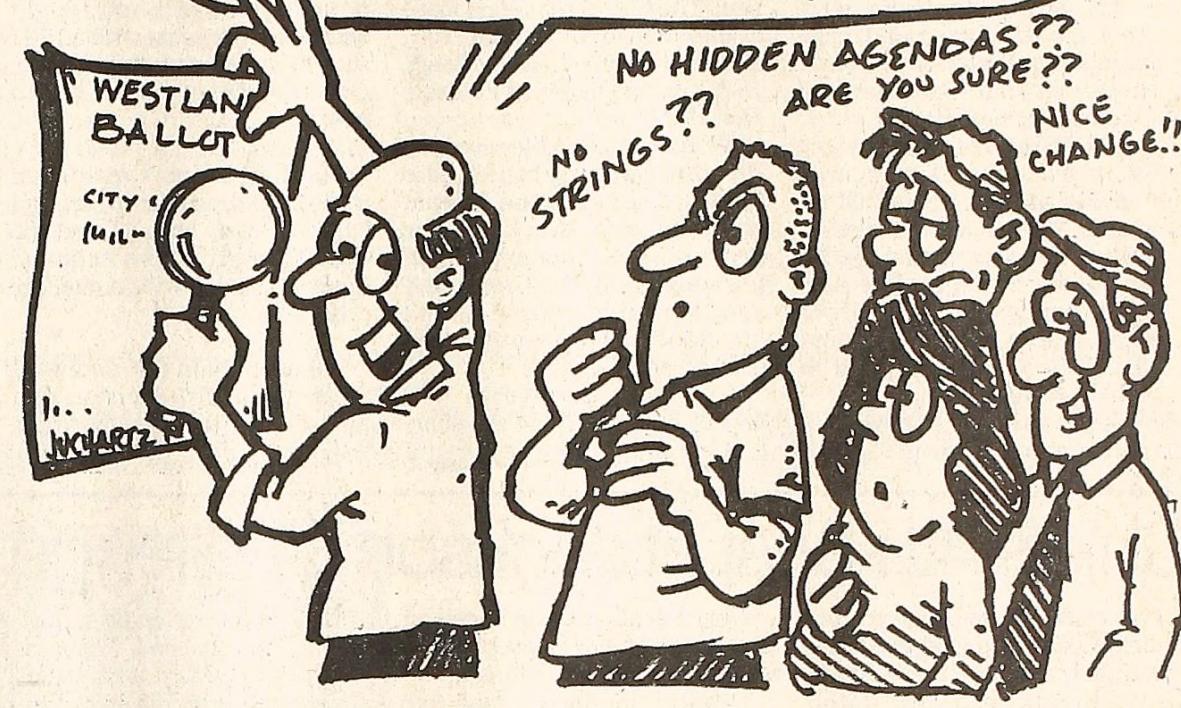
On January 3, 2000, I started the yearlong fight against the treatment and dismissal of then City Clerk Patricia Gibbons by vehement protest. On January 18, 2000, a large crowd attended and strongly added displeasure. By November, four council members

had either resigned or were ousted by the electorate.

We now have five new council members, who were placed there by the council, not elected! Considering the bleeding of the city for a whole year, the need of a truly independent voice is imperative. I can assure you that I am not now, nor have I ever been an ally, or beholden to, any person, group, or special interest. However, as a member of the Westland City Council, I will have a bounded duty to serve the citizens of Westland.

Sincerely,
Dorothy W. Smith

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Council members need B. S. detectors

The most important characteristic to look for in a Westland city councilman is a working B.S. detector.

By that standard, Westland has the best council and the best candidates it's had in years.

Forget all that stuff you hear about council meetings turning into all-night squawk sessions. Those days ended after the recall of the Davids, Cox and James.

Since then, not only have meetings been civil, but the council no longer rubber stamps Mayor Bob Thomas's proposals.

That's where the B.S. detector comes in.

In the past, the mayor got a blank check from council. High pay for his directors? Big cars for them? All he had to do was ask for the sky and he got it with a little moon and a few stars thrown in.

Nobody on the former council majority questioned the mayor's requests. Nobody questioned whether the mayor might have wanted his directors to receive high pay and generous benefits to perhaps insure their political loyalty and/or to compensate most of them for big donations to his political campaigns.

Had the previous council majority been equipped with B.S. detectors, the machines would have been humming when the mayor chucked the sanitation millage while milking the TIFA fund for



Ivan
Helfman

pork to please potential voters before announcing his county commission candidacy.

At the time, the only buzzing B.S. detectors belonged to voters and Councilman Richard LeBlanc. Voters trounced Thomas at the polls. LeBlanc warned that the city could not afford to completely wipe out the sanitation millage. The most recent Plante & Moran audit proved him right.

But things have changed. Now council members' B.S. detectors rev up within 10 feet of the mayor or his directors.

When the administration tried to gut the city's tree preservation ordinance without discussion, council members demanded a discussion, eventually blocking the gutting.

When the administration tried to lease full-size cars for directors passed the council without discussion, council members demanded a discussion, eventually saving money by switching to midsize cars.

Going into Tuesday's election, the city has a strong council.

With the election coming up, I want to credit appointed Councilman James Godbout and appointed Councilwoman Peggy Ellenwood — both candidates — with having working B.S. detectors. In their short council stints, each has convinced me of their abilities, independence, and good intentions.

But I also must credit their opponents with many of the same qualities.

For years, Chuck Pickering and Dorothy Smith have marched to their own drummers. Constituents' interests, not mayoral politics, would drive their votes.

Jim Chuck, though a friend of the mayor, had proven his worth as the Westland Library Board chairman during construction and early operation of the library. The library has been a success. Chuck deserves his share of the credit.

Westland voters three times sent Eileen DeHart to the state House by 2-1 margins. Somebody likes her. While I can't translate her House service into council Brownie points, I figure that Gov. Engler probably taught her everything she needs to know about dealing with an overly political chief executive.

Westland voters have hit the lotto.

With a strong council and six highly qualified candidates, this election deserves a heavy turnout to finish the work of the recall.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Westland Democratic Club thanks Franklin, Hildreth

To the editor:

The Westland Democratic Club would like to publicly thank Mr. John Franklin for his many years of service as our president. The citizens of Westland may not realize how much of his time Mr. Franklin volunteers to help the community. He is not only a leader for the Democratic Party, but has served on numerous boards and commissions within the city of Westland. He has always tried to make Westland a better place for all of us.

Mr. Franklin recently made his decision to step down from the presidency of the Westland Democratic Club. I certainly hope that this was only one decision and that John will continue to serve the city

of Westland and its citizens. As the newly appointed president, I have some very large shoes to fill.

I would also like to recognize Mr. Homer Hildreth who has served as our Vice-President. Mr. Hildreth is not only active within the Democratic Party, he is also very active with the UAW retiree & Homer was forced to withdraw from some of his activities because of recent health problems. We wish him well and pray for a speedy recovery. To fill his vacancy, we appointed a new Vice-President. I am proud to say that Ms. Normie Brazier has accepted our nomination to serve as Vice-President.

The Westland Democratic Club

would like to formally announce our endorsements for the upcoming special election on February 6th, in the city of Westland.

For the term ending 1/1/2002 - we have endorsed Mr. Jim Godbout and

For the term ending 1/1/2002 - we have endorsed Ms. Eileen DeHart.

To all the citizens of Westland, please remember to take the time to vote on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Oh, and remember that you win have to "write- in" your vote for Ms. DeHart.

Michael Kehler
President, Westland Democratic Club



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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Reader doubts Patterson had nothing to do with pay raise

To the Editor:

I just wanted to write to respond to the incredibly arrogant and misleading letter written by State Representative Bruce Patterson which was published in the January 14th Edition of the Michigan Community Newspapers. After sending in a huge picture of himself being sworn in which was printed on the front page, Representative Patterson had the nerve to send in a letter to the editor indicating that he would be voting against the ridiculous 36% pay raises for state law makers. Mr. Patterson tries to claim that he has no choice or control over the matter and that he will unfortunately have to take this enormous raise. He tries to blame the State Officers Compensation Commission for recommending the raise and tells us how poor Bruce can't do anything about it and he is just going to have to take another \$22,000 (from \$57,000 to over \$77,000 this year and then another increase to almost \$80,000 next year) of our tax money to put in his pocket!

Do you take the public to be

fools Mr. Patterson? You are the Majority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives and therefore obviously have close ties to the political leaders throughout the State Government. As any politically observant person can see, you and your untrustworthy House colleagues did not agree to take up a vote and vote against the pay increase until you knew that the Senate was not going to vote on the raises. And therefore, you knew and know very well that your vote in absolutely meaningless since it takes a vote of both the House and Senate to reject the pay raises or they will automatically take effect.

You have friends in the Senate. Your political party controls both the House and Senate and you tout yourself as a leader and powerbroker in State Government. So why aren't you ensuring that the Senate vote to reject the pay increase as well? You did the exact same thing two years ago when you and your House colleagues took a meaningless vote to reject pay increases after you were assured that the Senate

would not take a vote at all. You pocketed the raise then and you are going to do the same thing now.

You also claim how you support changing the system so that State Representatives and Senators will have to vote on such pay increases in the future. It seems very convenient to support such a measure after having taken what amounts to nearly 20 years worth of raises for the common Michigan resident! Don't treat the public like we are fools Mr. Patterson!

We know that you are only voting against this incredible increase in your compensation because you know that you are going to get it anyway. Furthermore, if you really wanted to reject the increase, as you claim you do, then all you have to do is write a check for \$22,000 back to the State of Michigan. But of course I don't hear you volunteering to do that.

Mark Blackwell
Wayne Resident

Pickering seeks write-in votes

To the editor:

I left the city council to focus more time on family, friends and to pursue new business opportunities and with the belief that the city would continue to move forward with a fresh focus on services and programs for our residents.

To my dismay, quite the opposite has happened. The year 2000 became the ugliest year in Westland's government with the forced resignation of two council persons and with another two being recalled. Glenn Anderson also resigned after being elected State Representative, thus creating a fifth vacancy.

Now, with three new council persons and with two experienced council persons as declared candidates for mayor, we will be lacking valuable experience and knowledge on the city council. I am sure this concerns you as much as it does me.

That is why I have decided to be a write-in candidate for the council term that expires January 1, 2004. My experience and knowledge of Westland's government and my reputation of being an independent, strong voice will assist

the newer council persons in their decision-making and bring stability and balance in our government.

My immediate concerns are the new budget being presented to the city council by the mayor April 1 and the recent audit report that includes the following concerns that need to be addressed:

1. The sanitation issue regarding the renewal of a special millage, or another funding source, or withdrawal from the authority.

2. The termination of TIFA and the use of its remaining fund balance for city services.

3. A plan for addressing costs of

employee benefits.

4. Analyzing long-term water and sewer rates.

5. And long-range planning for Westland's financial future.

With the potential slow down of our economy, current funding sources may be reduced causing the city to look for alternatives to providing necessary services. My reputation of being conservative in government spending and taxation will be a great benefit to our citizens.

I am looking forward to serving our city once again.

Charles Pickering

CITY OF WAYNE ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF WAYNE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the City of Wayne, County of Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, February 6, 2001, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting on a proposal to amend the Charter of the City of Wayne. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, February 3, 2001, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving applications for absentee ballots.

The proposal is as follows:

PROPOSAL A

Language: For Charter Amendment to Elect the Mayor every two (2) years, beginning in the year 2001.

Shall Chapter Six (6) of the City Charter be amended to elect the Mayor every two (2) years and elect three (3) Council members every four (4) years beginning in the year 2001?

This Amendment shall be written in the Wayne City Charter as the Netter's Amendment.

Explanation

The Citizens of Wayne should have the same constitutional rights and privileges to elect and nominate their Mayor as does most cities in the United States. No sitting member of Council shall have to resign.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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Watch council before voting

To the editor:

With the special election just around the corner, I hope every voter is taking the time to find out about the candidates. I realize there's not much time and that this election is extremely confusing, but it is important.

The council seems to be taking a change for the better and should stay on this course.

Every voter should call and ask these candidates what they stand for. That is, if you haven't heard some things mentioned at the council meetings: such as the pensions for council members, the expense of city-provided autos, their feelings on other expenses that

aren't necessary to mention.

If there's not enough time now for some, I hope they start now to inform themselves for the primary — if there is one — and the November election.

It's not too early to start observing what's going on in Westland. Because this is a great city, it's important to keep it that way and continually improve on it.

Although and maybe because the Feb. 6 election is a special election, I hope every one who is able gets out and votes. This effects everyone of us in Westland and should not be decided by a small amount of voters.

Judy McKinney

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Van Buren Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on Wednesday, February 28, 2001 to consider the following:

An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, 6-2-92, as amended to establish the Ecorse Haggerty Road Overlay District (EHROD).

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing.

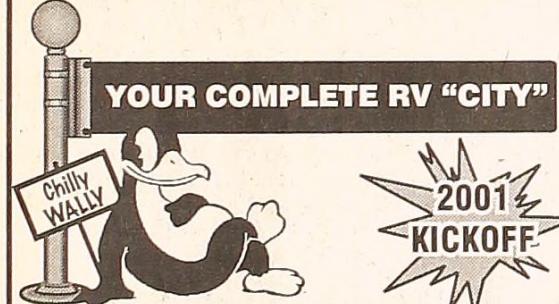
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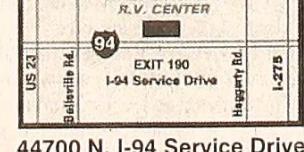
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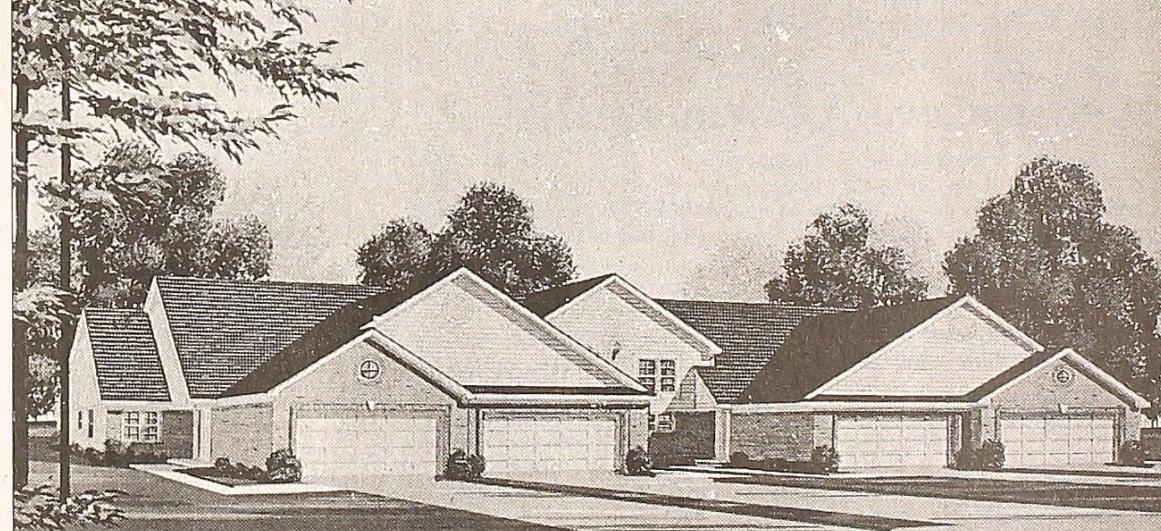
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WESTLAND



New State Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, brought his wife Gail and son Kyle up to Lansing for his first day on the job.

Anderson takes to highways

By being named Democratic Vice-Chair of the House Transportation Committee earlier this week, state Representative Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) is one of only five newly-elected Democratic members to receive a vice-chair committee assignment. Anderson also was named to serve on the House Insurance and Financial Services Committee.

"It is truly an honor to be cho-

sen Democratic vice-chair of the House committee charged with finding solutions to maintaining and strengthening Michigan's transportation system," he said. "In order to build and maintain strong communities, residents and businesses in Westland and throughout the state; as well as tourists, businesses and shippers from out of state must have access to a safe and efficient transporta-

tion system."

Repairing and improving Michigan's transportation infrastructure will be an important goal of the 2001-2002 legislative session, he predicted.

"I look forward to working with my colleagues in a bipartisan effort to ensure that Michigan's transportation system meets the needs of Michigan's residents and businesses in the 21st century," he said.

The committee will work on issues relating to roads, bridges, airports, railroads, traffic safety, public transit, and other transportation issues.

With experience in financial

services as a former credit union official, Anderson said that the House Insurance and Financial Services Committee will take up issues dealing with auto and health insurance, liability, benefits, insurance code, banking, credit unions, and interest rates.

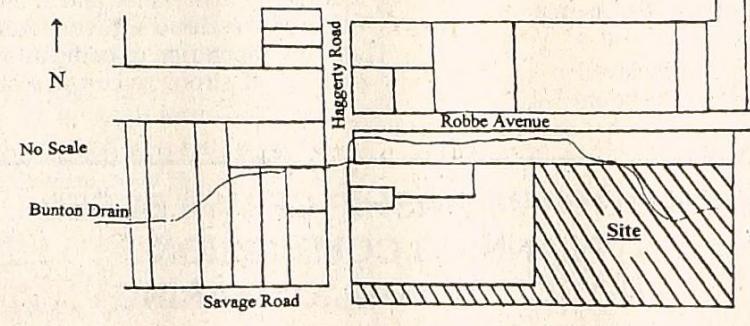
"I look forward to working with citizens, insurance and financial providers, and my House colleagues to develop policy that is more consumer-friendly," he said.

"I am particularly interested in policies which will protect consumer privacy in the insurance and financial sector."

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Winterfest 2001 Sunday

Reindeer sleigh rides will highlight this year's Winterfest 2001.

This year, the annual winter festival will be held Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m., at the Bailey Recreation Center at City Hall.

Though sleigh rides will cost \$3, most activities are free.

Free family activities include crafts, snow games, ice sculpting, exotic animals, inflated games,

magic tricks, face painting, and balloon art.

Free entertainment includes Wilderness Safari at 1 p.m.; Mask Puppet Theater at 2:30 p.m.; and the Flying Aces Frisbee team at 4 p.m.

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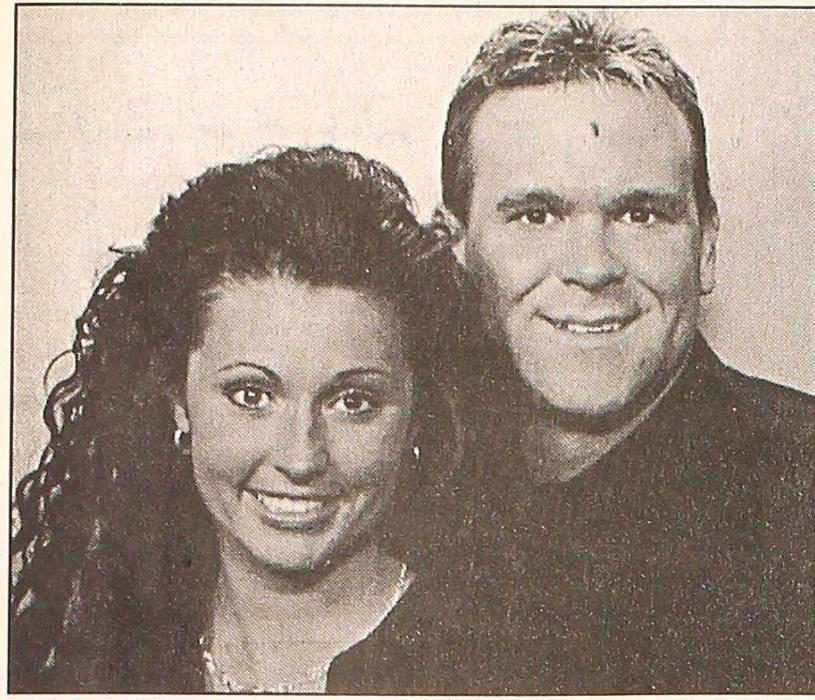
Assisted Living...A Sensible Alternative

All too often it has seemed that a nursing home is the only choice for someone who is unable to live independently. Leisure Village, located at 31720 Van Born in Wayne, phone 734-326-8030, offers a sensible alternative; assisted living. What exactly is assisted living? Officially, it's defined as a special combination of housing and personalized care designed to respond to the individual needs of those who need help with activities of daily living, but do not need round-the-clock skilled nursing care.

The best part of the assisted living that is offered by Leisure Village is that the assistance isn't handled in an 'institutionalized' way. It's provided in a way that promotes maximum independence and dignity for each resident, and it even involves family, friends and neighbors, if possible. Their residents are surrounded by companionship. They benefit from all the planned activities, and they receive healthy meals. And privacy is there, too. All they need to do is close their door. Assisted living also costs less than a nursing home. Usually one simple fee covers almost everything in a resident's day-to-day living. Not medicine, of course, but housing, utilities, food, transportation and daily watch care. Leisure Village also offers a special care unit. This unit is designed to provide more security for people who need a little more assistance. If you would like to become A PART OF THE Leisure Village FAMILY then call 734-326-8030.

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Autumn Joy Kucka and Kevin Daniel Moricz

Kucka-Moricz announce engagement

Autumn Joy Kucka, a marketing representative at Community Federal CreditUnion in Plymouth, is to be married to Kevin Daniel Moricz, a project manager at Seerco Construction in Oak Park.

Kucka is the daughter of Stephen and Barbara Kucka of Westland. Moricz is the son of Daniel and Debbie Moricz, also of Westland.

The two are planning a September wedding in Redford.

Bridal attendants in the wedding are Brandy Krupp, Erin Cril-

ley, Joni Saygan, Nina Reis, Jennifer Gillespie, Angela Zajechowski and Brittany Zajechowski.

Groomsmen include Kevin Watson, Matt Moricz, Brock Evans, Doug Allore, Bruce Morgan, Derek Kucka and Jacob Saul. Amanda Zajechowski and Lacey Krupp will be the flower girls and Chase Krupp will be the ring bearer.

Moricz is a 1994 Graduate of Ferris State University and Kucka is a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2001, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, for the purpose of:

RECEIVING COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE 2001/2002 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM. THESE SUGGESTIONS MUST IDENTIFY AND BENEFIT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OR HOUSING NEEDS OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME RESIDENTS:

The total "Annual Allocation" is expected to be \$187,000.00. In the future the City will competitively apply for additional funding (\$40,000 to \$50,000) to continue its "Housing Rehabilitation" program.

Further information is available by contacting the address listed below.

PROPOSED PROGRAM STATEMENT

2001/2002 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Pursuant to Federal Guidelines, the City of Romulus is announcing its objectives and proposed uses for developing projects utilizing Wayne county, Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES

- A) To provide the primary benefits of CDBG funding directly to persons of low and moderate income and/or to areas where 51% of the residents are of low and moderate income.
- B) To prevent and remove slum and blight.
- C) To meet an urgent community need.
- D) To facilitate and support private reinvestment and development within Romulus.
- E) To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- F) To improve and conserve older housing.
- G) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG and non-federally funded programs while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund of the City.
- H) To improve parks and recreation facilities.
- I) To promote historic preservation projects and activities.

PROPOSED PROJECTS:

FUNDING REQUEST:

\$ 83,300.00

OBJECTIVES MET:

A,B,D

Sidewalks - City-wide

Construction of up to one mile of sidewalk

Senior Services - Citywide

Chore/minor home repair services, transportation, education, recreation & staffing

Rehabilitation of Community Service Centers in Eligible areas

\$ 50,000.00

A,C,H

Sub-total

\$168,300.00

Administration (10%)-City-wide

\$ 18,700.00

A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I

TOTAL REQUEST:

\$187,000.00

The City of Romulus can expect to receive an approximate Program Allocation of \$187,000.00 for FY 2001/2002, funding up to \$50,000.00 for "Housing Rehabilitation" and approximately \$50,000.00 in Program income generated from re-paid Housing Rehabilitation liens. The City can expend no more than a maximum of 10% of Administrative costs to operate the CDBG Program.

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed projects listed above or suggest other projects. All projects must meet Objective A.

Please write or telephone the City of Romulus, *Community Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, (734) 942-7589.*

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2001 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC



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A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$237^{47**} ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$173^{62**}

Stock #10780
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WAS \$20,345 NOW \$16,408^{00*}

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$245^{62**} ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$200^{37**}

Stock #12423
216 Explorers Available

4 DOOR 4x4
Tropic green clearcoat, dark graphic cloth sport bucket, XLT series, reversible cargo mat, 4.0L SOHC V-6 engine, 5-speed auto O/D trans., step bar, aluminum wheels, trailer towing package, cassette CD, electrochromic mirror.
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WAS \$32,995 NOW \$25,114^{00*}

A-PLAN 24 MO. SUV TO EXPLORER LEASE RENEWAL \$312^{01**} ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$249^{36**}

Stock #11157
45 Sport Tracs Available

4X4
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Ford Employee or eligible family member
WAS \$28,845 NOW \$23,882^{30*}

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$379^{88**} ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$314^{96**}

2001 WINDSTAR LX



2001 F-150 4X2 SUPER CAB



2001 EXPEDITION XLT 4x4



2001 FOCUS SE



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A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$295^{35**} ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$253^{07**}

Stock #11842
275 F-Series Available

4X2 SUPER CAB
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WAS \$27,110 NOW \$21,008^{50*}

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$290^{97**} ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$225^{59**}

Stock #11431
55 Expeditions Available

XLT 4X4
Oxford white clearcoat, dark graphite cloth, fold down chair, tow hooks (4x4), prem. door panels, privacy glass, 5.4L V8 engine, electronic 4-spd. auto trans., comfort/convenience group, black power heated mirrors, rear heat/air, trailer towing package, sport appearance pkg., skid plate pkg., fog lamps, 17" 10-spoke alum. whls., third row seat, CD changer (6 disc).
Ford Employee or eligible family member
WAS \$38,135 NOW \$29,940^{45*}

A-PLAN 24 MO. LEASE RENEWAL \$460^{69**} ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN \$395^{92**}

Stock #11351
181 Focus Available

4 DOOR
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Ford Employee or eligible family member
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2001 TAURUS SE	0 Down 1500 Down	\$429 \$1971
2001 WINDSTAR LX	0 Down 1500 Down	\$452 \$1997
2001 F-150 4X2 SUPER CAB	0 Down 1500 Down	\$387 \$1908
2001 EXPLORER XLT 4X4 DOOR	0 Down 1500 Down	\$529 \$2053
2001 FOCUS SE 4 DOOR	0 Down 1500 Down	\$318 \$1840
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